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PATENT APPLICATION

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YUTAKA BAN, ET AL. )  
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Application No.: UNASSIGNED )  
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For: TONER SUPPLY CONTAINER ) March 12, 2004  
AND ELECTROPHOTOGRAPHIC :  
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS )

**Main Stop Patent Application**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. These documents were cited in U.S. Patent Application No. 10/397,209 (the parent of this application), U.S. Patent Application No. 10/359,262 (the grandparent of this application), U.S. Patent Application No. 09/905,104 (the great grandparent of this application), and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/099,032 (the great great grandparent of this application) and in related application Nos. 09/905,105 and 09/853,700 (which are divisional applications of U.S. Patent Application

No. 09/099,032, the great great grandparent of this application). Therefore, these references are not being provided in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

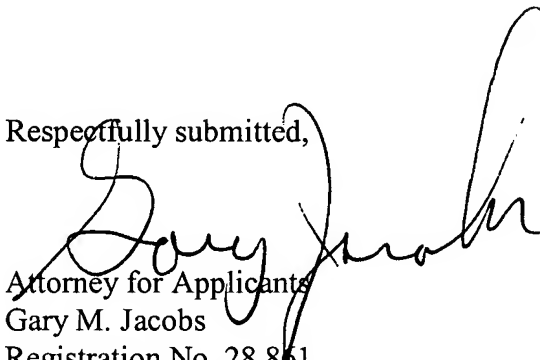
The concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language documents is found in the English Abstracts submitted with the six related applications noted above and/or at pages 1 and 2 of the present application. In addition, U.S. Patent No. 5,629,759 is the U.S. counterpart to Japanese Document No. 8-278694.

#### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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		5,331,381	7/19/94	OTA, ET AL.	399	258	
		4,943,830	7/24/90	SULENSKI	399	263	
		3,883,240	5/13/75	ITO, ET AL.	399	116	
		4,422,750	12/27/83	KAWATA	118	612	
		4,937,625	6/26/90	KATO, ET AL.	399	258	
		4,212,264	7/15/80	KNECHTEL, ET AL.	118	653	
		4,611,730	9/16/86	IKESUE, ET AL.	222	167	
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		5,500,719	3/19/96	ICHIKAWA, ET AL.	555	260	
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		0 708 387	4/24/96	EPO			
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		5,057,872	10/15/91	SAIJO, ET AL.	355	260	
		5,296,900	3/22/94	SAIJO, ET AL.	355	260	
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		63-85660	4/16/98	JAPAN			
		8-278694	10/22/96	JAPAN			ABST.
		6-186844	7/8/94	JAPAN			ABST.
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		5,264,901	11/23/93	ROSSITER	355	260	
		5,331,382	7/19/94	MIURA, ET AL.	355	260	
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		4,641,945	2/10/87	IKESUE, ET AL.	399	262	
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		5,669,044	9/16/97	CUTHBERT	399	120	
		5,794,108	8/11/98	YOSHIZAWA, ET AL.	399	262	
		5,822,663	10/13/98	ICHIKAWA, ET AL.	399	262	
		5,828,935	10/27/98	TATSUMI, ET AL.	399	260	
		5,842,093	11/24/98	TANDA	399	263	
		5,848,342	12/8/98	TANDA	399	120X	
		5,202,732	4/13/93	YAHATA	355	251	
		5,298,952	3/29/94	KAMIJO, ET AL.	355	270	
		6,259,874	7/10/01	MURAKAMI, ET AL.			
		6,266,505	7/24/01	BAN, ET AL.			
		6,049,685	4/11/00	MURAKAMI, ET AL.			
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